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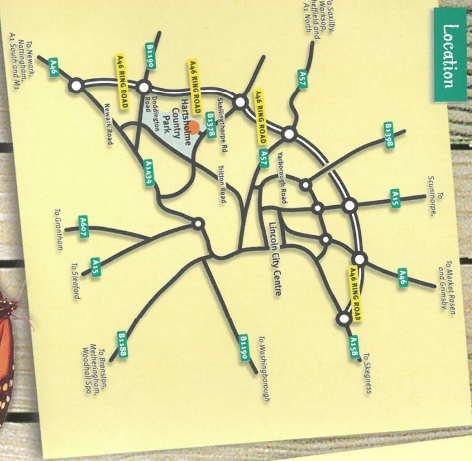
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# The Hartsholme Hall History Hunt

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We hope this leaflet has helped you to enjoy the history and beauty of what was a magnificent hall and park at Hartsholme

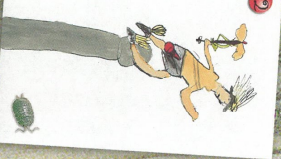
**Facilities**  
A café and public toilets are located opposite the Visitors Centre. The Visitors Centre has exhibitions about the wildlife and history of the area.



**Dog Graves 14**  
Just before you come out of the wooded area, on the right hand side, you can see beneath the trees two small grave-stones. On them are the names of two of Joseph Shuttleworth's dogs, Jack and Fritz, and the dates when they died. These are the grave-stones for two of Joseph Shuttleworth's dogs, Fritz, who died on the 15th May 1872, and Jack who died on the 10th October 1873. There are two other dogs grave-stones which have been moved into the visitors centre. These were for Hector (died in 1864) and Pompeii.



Ice House



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**Winged Mercury**  
Walks over the bridge and then turn right. Follow the path around the lake. Eventually, you will come to a large column on the lake side of the path. Beneath is an inscription which reads "Re-erected by Colonel LW, Harding in 1902".  
Originally a statue of Winged Mercury, messenger of the gods, stood on top of the column. Now only the bottom half of one leg can be seen.



The Stable Block

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Your walk begins at the visitor centre. This was once the stable block to Hartsholme Hall. It housed the Shuttleworth's horses and carriages. Later, Lord Liverpool's cars were kept here. Some of the grounds staff lived in the houses at the back.

Kitchen Gardens

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If you leave the visitor's centre and walk onto the fenced lawn area you will see a long wall covered in ivy on your right.

This was once the wall to the kitchen garden. It was filled with fruit and vegetables. There was a tomato house, lots of fruit trees and an orchard house.

Continue to walk towards the lake. You may notice fragments of brick and some steps and a balustrade.

This whole area is where Hartsholme Hall once stood. It was built by local industrialist Joseph Shuttleworth in 1862. It was made of red brick and had 14 main bedrooms as well as servants quarters. Lord Liverpool bought the Hartsholme estate in 1906 and lived there until just before World War II. The house was finally demolished in the 1960s.



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Monument

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As you walk down the stone steps towards the lake you will see a round wooden fence surrounds some young trees.

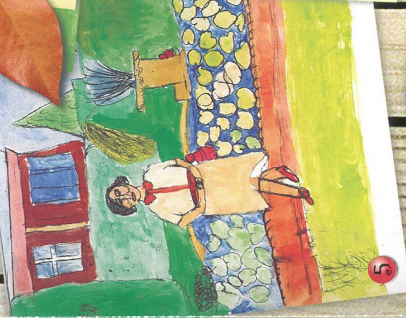
This is where a monument used to stand overlooking the lake. The monument was surrounded by a hedge of Rhododendron Wilsonii edged with Skimmia japonica. This was part of Edward Nilmer's landscaping.



Yew circle and fountain

Walk back up to the site of the Hall and descend the steps from the other terrace wall. You will find yourself in the middle of a ring of fresh yew trees.

These were part of the formal gardens designed for Joseph Shuttleworth by the landscape gardener Edward Nilmer. In the centre of the yew circle stood a fountain.

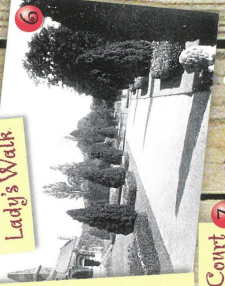


Lady's Walk

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Looking out from the centre of the yew circle, can you see an avenue of trees?

This was known as The Lady's Walk. It was a gravelled avenue lined with yew trees and lawn. Lady Liverpool liked to walk her dogs along here.



Tennis Court

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Continue across and exit the yew circle. If you look to your left you may be able to see a square shaped area of overgrown grass with few trees.

This is thought to have originally been a tennis court. By 1938 the area was being used as a sunken bowling green with a swimmerhouse nearby.

The Boat House

Heading towards the bridge, on your right you will see a red brick building with an iron gate. If crest of a clenched fist with the date 1881 on it is on the facing wall.

This building was originally a boathouse. It has red and blue tiles inside. The boathouse was built in 1881 by Joseph Shuttleworth, and his family crest can still be seen.

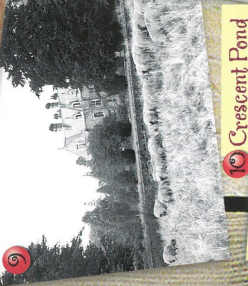


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The Ha Ha

If you look directly opposite the boathouse to the woods you will see a track. On the left of this track are the remains of a wall.

This separated the formal gardens of the hall from pasture land.



10 Crescent Pond

Opposite the boathouse you will see a pond shaped like a horseshoe. The water of the pond flows under the lake and then re-emerges on the other side of Stellingthorpe Road.

This was known as the Crescent Pond. It was part of the original landscaping of the Park. There were three small bridges over the Crescent Pond as well as rockeries, a summer house and horseshoe gardens. If you look carefully you will see some bamboo still growing by the pond today.

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White Bridge

Walking on from the boathouse you will come to a bridge.

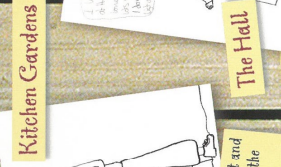
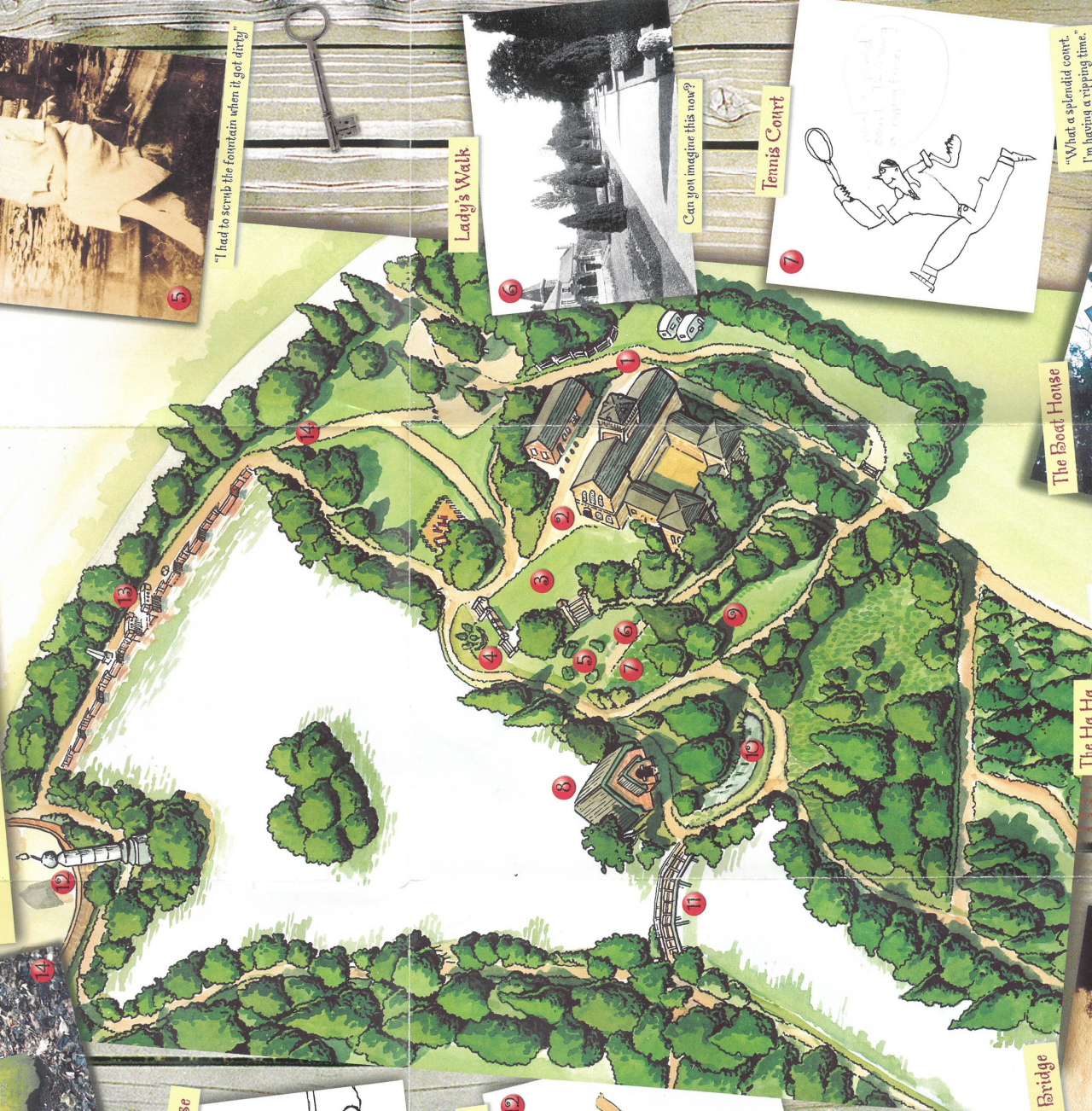
The first bridge was built for Joseph Shuttleworth. Originally white, this bridge was discoloured by the army during the Second World War.

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# Now... and then

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4 Monument

This is a photo of the monument, which stood here.

2 Kitchen Gardens

"I love living at the hall. My servants do all the work."



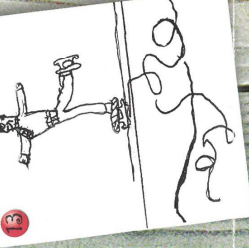
3 The Hall

"We grew fruit and vegetables for the household."

5 Your circle and fountain



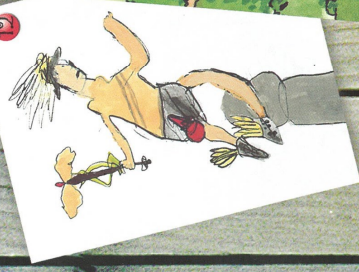
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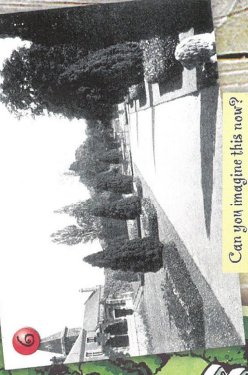
15 Ice Horse

"I had to scrub the fountain when it got dirty"

12 Winged Mercy



6 Lady's Walk



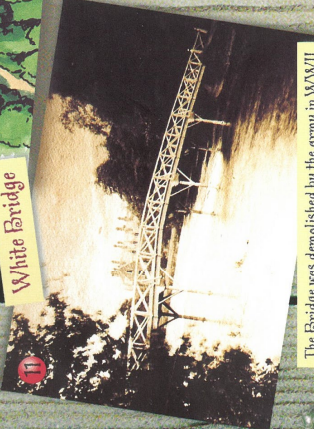
Can you imagine this now?

7 Tennis Court



"What a splendid court. I'm having a ripping time."

11 White Bridge



The Bridge was demolished by the army in WWII

9 The Ha Ha



This wall stopped the sheep-erding the formal gardens.

8 The Boat House



This used to be a beautiful boat house

